

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

March 14, 2021

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 3:8-10

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN This Is My Father's World

HYMN Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

HYMN Lord, Be Glorified

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN God Is So Good

CLOSING PRAYER

### Announcements

**Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** - Prayer Meeting

**Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center's Virtual Fundraising Event** will be on this Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. Register online at [Solutions4Life.org/events](http://Solutions4Life.org/events).

**Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees' Meeting** - Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.

**Business Meeting** - Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

## Blessings of the Believer

Ephesians 1:1-10

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

The book of Ephesians was written by Paul from a Roman prison around AD 61-63. He was imprisoned three times for preaching the Gospel. Paul briefly visited Ephesus on his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21), and spent three years in the city during his third missionary journey (Acts 20:31). This book is a letter written to the Ephesian believers and the churches in the area of Ephesus.

Ephesians 1:1-2: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul was an apostle (sent one) of Jesus Christ. He was chosen by God to serve Him. The term "saints" simply means holy ones or those set apart by God. This is a term used of all true believers to describe their position in Christ.

### How are we blessed as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ?

- God chose us (Ephesians 1:4). God chose each believer to be the recipient of His grace before the first star was hung in space or before the first land mass was formed. He chose us to be separated unto Himself to live holy lives without blame. Lives that are set apart and unblemished from the effects of sin.
- God adopted us (Ephesians 1:5-6). Being adopted into God's family gives us a special position. Adoption means sonship (legally made a son) with all of the rights and privileges of an adult heir. This is the good pleasure of God's will - what is good or beneficial.
- God redeemed us (Ephesians 1:7-8). The word "redemption" means to purchase from the slave market. God purchased us out of the slave market of sin. He is buying back His own possession (Ephesians 1:14). We are forgiven and given a complete pardon. God deals with us as sons, not as enemies.
- God placed us in the church (Ephesians 1:9-10). "Mystery" indicates something that was formerly unknown. Now Gentiles could be saved and become a part of Christ's body, the church.

We are chosen adopted, redeemed, and placed in the church. We are blessed in many ways. We need to thank God and praise Him for His magnificent mercy and grace.